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Glimpses of field visits



From November 4th to 6th, 2024, Shri Rajshekhar, NRM Specialist and IFAD Consultant, conducted a field visit across various sites in Meghalaya to assess community-driven natural resource management (NRM) and livelihood initiatives.

On November 4th, he visited Balalgre village in West Garo Hills (WGH), where the community had constructed a dam to harvest rain and spring water for irrigation. He then visited Kalchengpara IVCS Ltd in Selsella C&RD Block, East Garo Hills (EGH), where a black pepper nursery is being developed in a greenhouse, and the Bokashi Poultry rearing unit. An interactive community session was also held at Kalchengpara IVCS Ltd. Shri Rajshekhar also visited the PRIME Hub at Babadam in Dadenggre C&RD Block, EGH, and interacted with Fr. Sunny and his team. On November 5th, he visited the demonstration plot of Radorik IVCS Ltd in WGH. The following day, on November 6th, he visited the NRM demo plot of Bolchugre IVCS Ltd in Songsak C&RD Block, EGH, as well as the poultry unit under CRA-INRMP at Dambo Bima village in Dambo Rongjeng C&RD Block, EGH, and the Bokashi Piggery Unit at the same village. Additionally, he visited the NRM demo site at Nongchram IVCS Ltd in Mawsynrut C&RD Block, West Khasi Hills (WKH), where irrigation and plantation activities are being carried out. The team also observed the Bokashi Poultry and Piggery Units at Songsak IVCS Ltd in Mawsynrut, WKH, and held an interactive session with the IVCS officials and service providers to discuss ongoing projects and challenges.

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Highlights of Trainings



The Training on Record Maintenance & Reporting for CMCs was organized by the DPMU East Jaintia Hills District on 31st October 2024 at the Khliehriat West Community Hall.

Key points discussed:

1. Agri and allied activities, as well as other business activities under CMCs
2. Proper fund utilization by CMCs
3. Importance of maintaining proper records, ensuring transparency, and keeping accurate books for CMCs
4. Regular submission of monthly reports by CMCs



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BRDC's Community Seed Saving and Organic Certification Program in Mawkyrwat



On October 30, 2024, an awareness program focusing on "Community Seed Saving for Food Security" and PGS-India Organic Certification was organized by the BRDC for the MegLIFE villages. The event took place in Mawkyrwat, located in the South West Khasi Hills. The program aimed to educate and empower local communities on the importance of seed saving as a sustainable practice to ensure food security. Additionally, it introduced participants to the (PGS), an organic certification that enables small farmers to engage in organic farming practices and get certified. This initiative by BRDC reflects a commitment to promoting sustainable agricultural practices and enhancing food security in the region.

Participatory Microplanning for Local Development in West Garo Hills



On October 30, 2024, several microplanning activities were conducted across villages in West Garo Hills District, aimed at fostering local development through community involvement. Villages including Galwanggre A, Rajasimla Songgital, and Radanpara hosted microplanning sessions under their respective blocks, while Dotrongre village participated in a more comprehensive PLUP and microplanning activity organized by the BPMU Tikrikilla team. This session in Dotrongre featured a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) where villagers actively engaged, voicing concerns and identifying pressing challenges. Together, they developed various maps to visually represent their issues and potential interventions, culminating in an approved intervention map endorsed by the village's general body. These activities emphasized participatory planning, allowing residents to shape initiatives directly addressing their unique needs.

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Visit to Nayapara VPIC for Spring Inventory and Technical Report Preparation



On October 28-29, 2024, a team from MLSC, including Mr. Mukesh Patil of ACWADAM, Saurabh Barfal of CHIRAG, and officials from the Tikrikilla Block—namely the District Project Manager, Block Project Manager, and Field Engineers—visited Nayapara VPIC to conduct a spring inventory and prepare a Detailed Technical Report (DTR). During their visit, the team gathered essential information from the villagers, including details about the village's establishment, governance, number of households, population, family size, distance to the district headquarters, and the presence of any local CBOs. The team also visited several critical spring chambers to assess their condition and collect necessary data for future water management strategies.

Status on Community Hall



Update on the progress of Phase II construction work at Nayapara village, within the Tikrikilla BPMU, West Garo Hills.



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Advancement of RCC Storage Tank construction in Mothapara village. Also, the formwork for an RCC water tank is currently underway in Abendagre village.

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Third Weeding Round at Thapa Darenchi & Ajasiram School



On November 5th, 2024, a third round of weeding activities was carried out at two locations in Resubelpara. The first was at Thapa Darenchi, followed by a second weeding session at the Ajasiram School compound. These efforts were part of ongoing environmental maintenance and community beautification projects in the area.

Degradation of SHG at Kurung Village



On November 6th, 2024, the IGA-PA Nodal team carried out the degradation of SHG at Kurung Village in the Tikrikilla block. This initiative is part of their continued efforts to address environmental and community-related issues in the area.

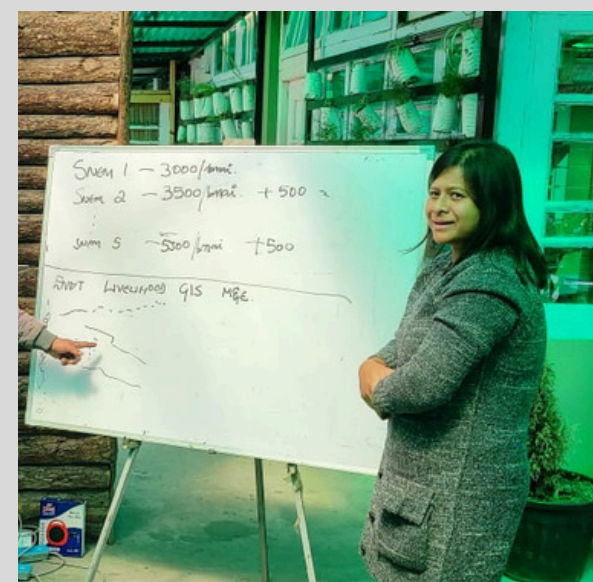
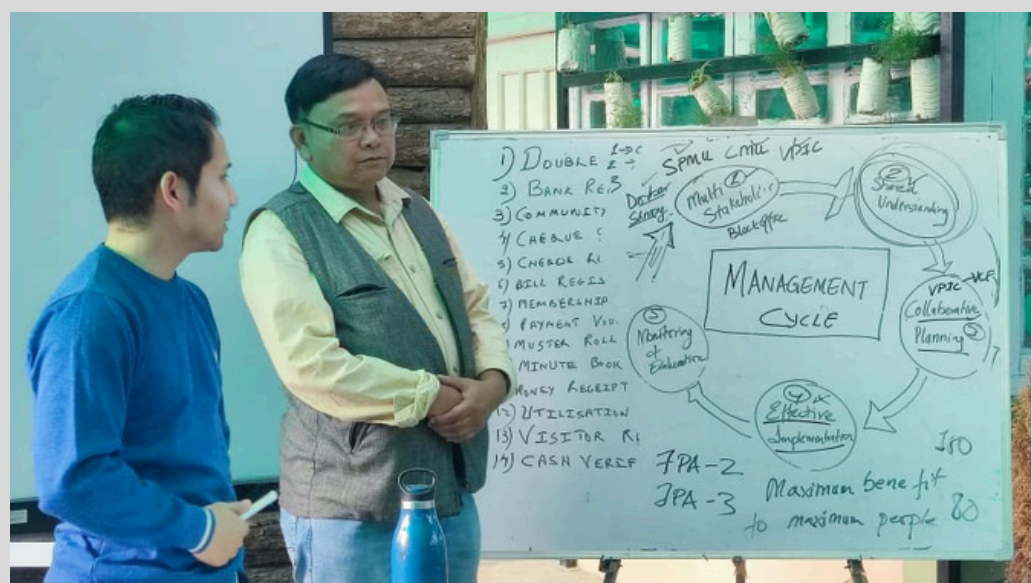


Protection of Vulnerable Catchment Areas in Meghalaya (MegARISE)



PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA

Umiew CMU and SPMU Host Two-Day Orientation & Training for VCFs of 20 VPICs



On October 30-31, 2024, Umiew CMU, in collaboration with SPMU, conducted a comprehensive two-day training for Village Community Facilitators (VCFs) from 20 Village Project Implementation Committees (VPICs).

The first day provided an overview of the project objectives, roles, and responsibilities, alongside focused sessions on Social & Capacity Building, Environmental & Engineering, and GIS sectors.

The second day, October 31, 2024, delved into Monitoring & Evaluation, Finance & Accounting (bookkeeping), and Project Management. The training concluded on a positive note, equipping the VCFs to effectively contribute to their respective village and their communities.

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Highlights of Ground Truthing and Awareness Programme at Ganol Catchment

On November 2, 2024, an Awareness Program was successfully held at Tebrongre village, located in the Rongram block, with an impressive attendance of 107 participants.



On 2nd November, 2024, the CMU Ganol also conducted Ground Truthing at the Retepara village under Rongram Block, West Garo Hills District.

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Highlights of Awareness Programme at Ganol Catchment



Ganol CMU conducted Awareness programme at Cherangre village under Rongram block on the 5th Nov 2024



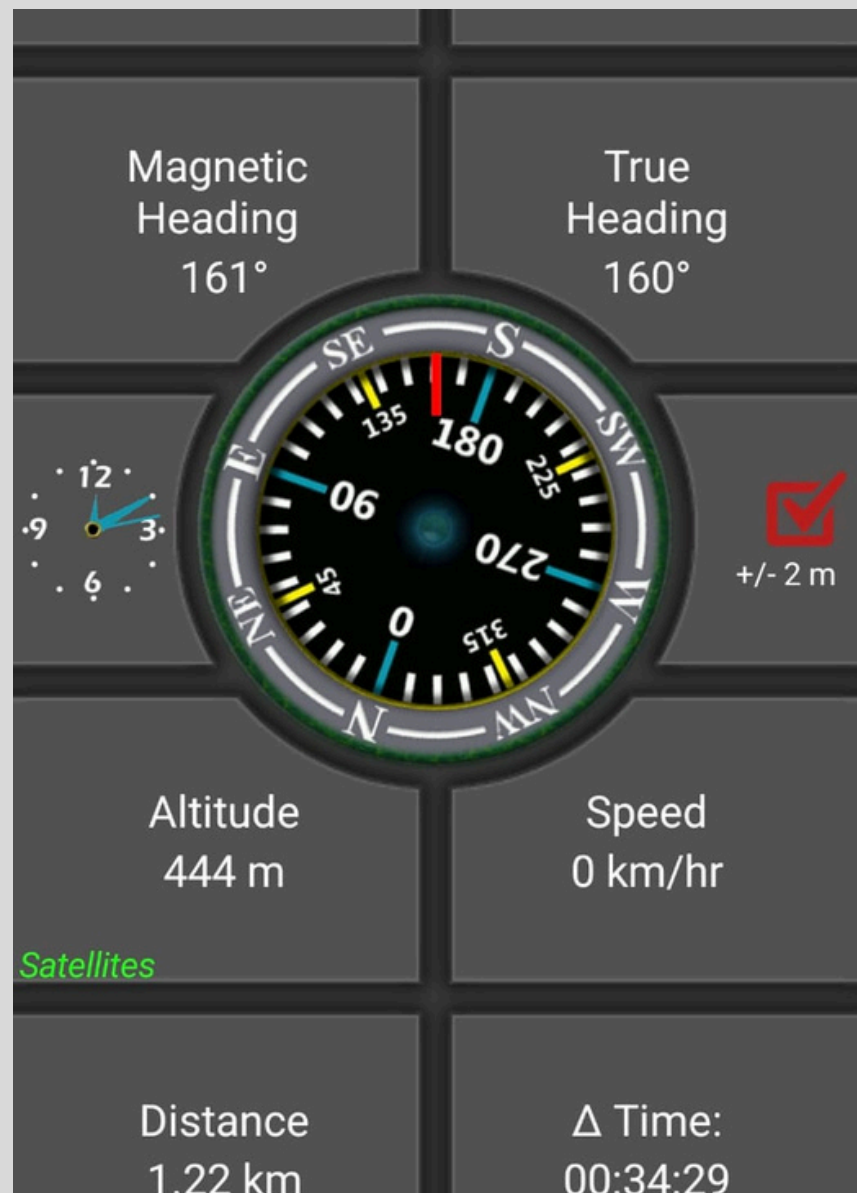
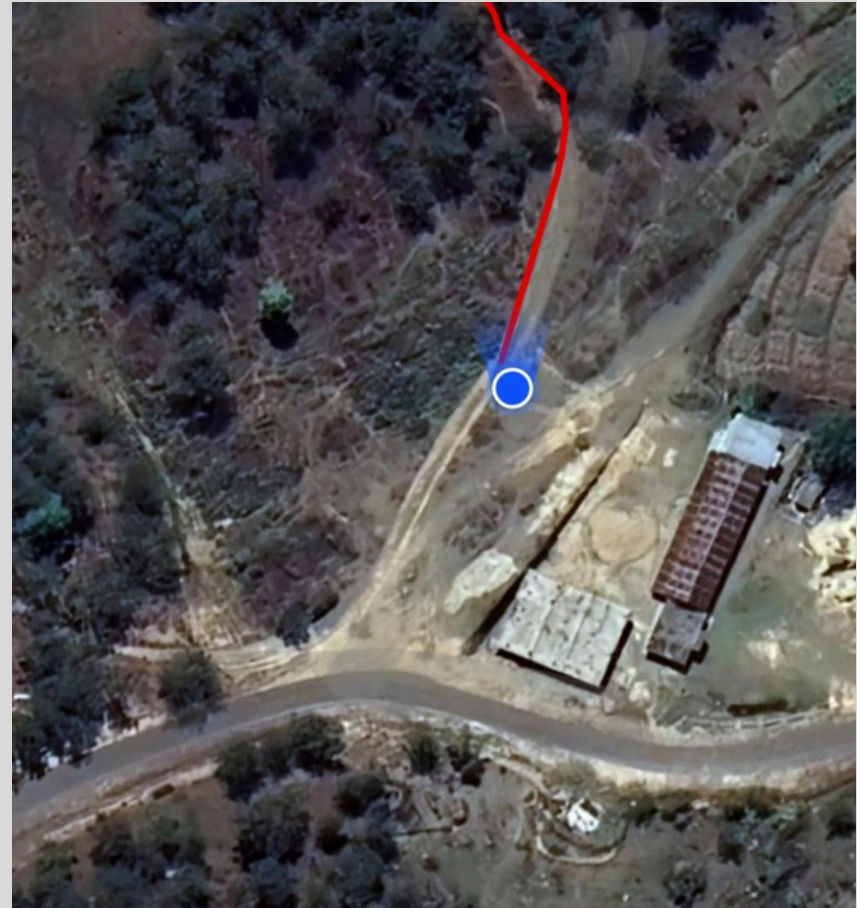
Awareness programme held at Jongdikgre village under Rongram block on the 5th Nov 2024 .



Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES)



PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

MRV activities in different Blocks and villages conducted by the GFAs

MRV (Measurement, Reporting, and Verification) training sessions were conducted across numerous villages and communities in Meghalaya, covering regions such as Dalu Block, West Garo Hills, East Jaintia Hills, Songsak Block, Bhoirymbong Block, Shella Block, Mawsynram Block, Kharkutta Block, and various areas in the Khasi Hills. The training aimed to enhance local capacity in environmental monitoring and data management, equipping participants from villages like Tiniang, Naringgre Nengpatchi, Haluapara, Bataw, Bijasik Silkol, and others with the necessary skills to measure environmental parameters, accurately report findings, and verify data. This initiative was designed to empower communities with the knowledge and tools needed to contribute to sustainable environmental practices and climate change mitigation efforts.

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